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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia REPORT NO. [redacted]

TOPIC Military Information from Breclav and Mikulov and the Border Area of Cerna Hora

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EVALUATION F-3 PLACE OBTAINED [redacted]

DATE OF CONTENT Prior to 5 June 1950

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REFERENCES

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1. Elements of an infantry unit subordinate to a headquarters in Brno were located in Breclav (P 49/S 75) and Mikulov (P 49/S 56) on 22 April 1950. The headquarters and five companies of this unit were in a barracks between Breclav and St. Breclav, and three companies were in a barracks southeast of Mikulov. Sixty percent of the personnel of the unit were Slovaks, and forty percent were Czechs. The unit commander was Colonel Hotal, (fnu), his deputy and also CO of an infantry company was Staff Captain Elsner, (fnu), and the political officer was Captain Snasel (fnu); Staff Captain Tucek, (fnu), was CO of J Company and the CO of T Company was Staff Captain Kristek (fnu). The unit totaled 800 to 900 men. It was composed of several infantry companies including J Company with about 160 men, a headquarters company, a submachine gun company equipped with type 48 Czech submachine guns, two companies equipped with guns and mortars and a heavy machine gun company. *

2. The type 43 antitank mine, a wooden box mine, 15 x 25 x 10 cm, and the metal S mine, similar to a one-liter container, were used in a mine-laying course by the Czechoslovakian Army. **

3. Three wooden triangulation towers and some signals for firing put up in trees for artillery observers were erected in the area of Cerna Hora (N 50/P 62) by a unit from Kvilda (N 50/Q 26) from 22 April to 5 June 1950. The surveying was done by other units along the border.

4. During the same period an SNB unit of 140 men was located in Kvilda and an SNB unit of about 120 men in Modrava (N 50/Q 26). ***

5. A detonation occurred in the ammunition dump of **Kasperske Hory** (N 50/Q 27) on 26 April 1950. The guard personnel were found dead. After the burst SNB and other units searched the woods nearby.

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* [redacted] Comment: The data are incomplete and the unit cannot be definitely identified. The strength and number of companies imply an independent infantry battalion. At the end of 1948 the 1st Inf Bn of the 10th Inf Regt in Brno was located in Breclav, and the 2d Bn in Mikulov. The data may concern both of these battalions.

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[redacted] Comment. The antitank mine of type 43 is a German model. The wooden box mine is probably a Soviet mine. Mines of this type were used by the Soviets in World War II. The metal S mine is presumably the German S mine.

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*** [redacted] Comment. One platoon each of the 3rd Co of the SNB Border Guard Bn in Susice are located in Kvilda and Modrava. The strength is rather high but may be true because members of the army are at present detached to SNB units to increase the border guard.

1 Annex: Standard Manpower Questionnaire.

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Standard Manpower Questionnaire

1. Fecko, Michal, soldier
2. 2 December 1928, Hran. District of Trebisov
3. 1 October 1949, Hran, farmer
4. Eight classes of elementary school, Slovak
5. District Replacement Hq in Breclav
6. Infantry, rifleman
7. Six weeks in Mikulov
8. None
9. Member of the 1928 class only in order to reach authorized strength
10. None
11. Oldest class: 1927, youngest class: 1928. Deserted on 5 June 1950
12. 30 September 1951
13. Unknown
14. Unit in Mikulov with 22 regular officers and 12 regular NCOs [illegible] and
    Unit in Breclav with 36 regular officers and 7 regular NCOs
15. Unknown
16. Surveying unit in Kvilda commanded by Major Rejnalt (fnu).
    Deserter served with this unit from 22 April to 5 June 1950.
17. Unidentified
18. Unknown
19. None
20. Duration of military service: 2 years
21. Deserter was in danger of being arrested as he had frequently expressed his opposition to the present regime during the political indoctrination and was therefore considered politically unreliable.

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